the exporting countries and the total cost incurred thereon;

(d) how long the import would be continued;

(e) what is the likely impact of this import on the national economy; and

(f) whether Government intend to reverse the trend?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. The All India pit-head stock of coal which was stood at 28.83 million tonnes as on 1.4.1987 has declined to 23.59 million tonnes as on 31.7.1987.

(b) to (f) While a limited quantity of non-coking coal is being imported by industries particularly cement plants, there is import of coking coal in substantial quantities by Steel Plants (SAIL and TISCO). The sources, quantities and approximate value of coking coal imports by the Steel Sector during the past two years are given below:

Year	Countries of Import	Total quantity (in million tonnes)	Approximate C&F value (Rs. in crores)
1985-86	Australia, Canada & Poland	2.454	195.2
1986-87	Australia and Poland	2.56	205 Tentative

The main reasons for import of coking coal are: the shortfall in availabilty of prime coking coal which is expected to continue upto 1994-95; the advantage that Steel Plants realize by blending superior imported coking coal with indigenous coking coal. In the case of non-coking coal, superior quality of coal has been allowed to be imported on Open General Licence and limited imports are resorted to industries entitled to them.

The present order of imports is not likely to have any adverse effect on the economy since they constitute a very small proportion of coal production and consumption in the country.

Complaints against Abbott Laboratories

2484. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum had been submitted to him on 20th October, 1988 by Abbott Laboratories Employees' Union, Bombay complaining about the misuse of Loan Licencing system by M/s. Abbott Laboratories (India) Limited;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government on the complaint;

(c) how the company is maintaining the standard and the quality of its products which are being manufactured by third parties; and

(d) whether it is a fact that after the application for part of shares from the parent company Abbott Laboratories, Chicago by Shri Nuslie Wadia of Bombay Dyeing, the company has suspended its Kurla Factory since 26th November, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The system of loan-licensing is regulated under the Drugs

and Cosmetics Act & Rules which are administered by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the State Drug Control Authorities.

(d) This information is not available with the Department.

Unauthorised use of electricity

2485. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the authorities of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertakings are aware of the unauthorised use of electricity by factory owners to Mahavir Block (Scout Guide Lane) Bholanath Nagar (Shahadara), Delhi;

(b) whether they are aware that at night electricity is used by taking direct connections from the poles; and

(c) if so, what steps are taken to prevent this and to bring the offenders to book and to recover damages from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU), unauthorised use of electricity and its theft during the night, in the area referred to in the Question, has not come to their notice.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) and (b) above.

Losses suffered by the State Electricity Boards

2486. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the losses suffered by State Electricity Boards on account of replacement of worn-out, burnt or damaged transformers, switchgears and transmission lines, State-wise, during each of the last 3 years and the current years;

(b) the percentage that this amount bears to the total annual expenditure of power generation; and

(c) what were the protective devices used to prevent such happenings and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) andi(b) A statement indicating the position in respect of five State Electricity Boards for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 is given in the Annexure. [*See* appendix CXIII, Annexure No. 102] The information in respect of the remaining State Electricity Boards is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Adequate protective relays are employed to avoid damage on transmission lines, transformers, switcgears, etc., in the event of any fault. These devices operate quite fast and disconnect the faulty equipment in the event of any fault.